

HONORING CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY SUZANNE WAUGHTEL HOPPER

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 6, 2011

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, while we can never fully express the depth of our appreciation for those who give their lives to protect us, I rise today on behalf of the constituents of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District to recognize and honor the life of Clark County Sheriff's Deputy Suzanne Waughtel Hopper.

Hopper, 40, was killed in the line of duty on New Year's Day while responding to shots fired in a local community. Even in her last moments, Deputy Hopper showed her courage and bravery as she was the first to respond to the scene. Because of her decisive action, lives were saved.

Deputy Hopper joined the Clark County Sheriff's Office in 1999 and protected residents for 12 years. She received numerous commendations, citations and awards. Hopper was an outstanding deputy and a strong leader. She was often described as having a "motherly" demeanor, full of encouragement and compassion.

Beyond her dedication to service, Hopper was a loving and devoted wife and mother. In her spare time she continued to serve others by working with local charities and service organizations. She had a passion to serve, a kind spirit and always cared about others.

Suzanne Waughtel Hopper is survived by her husband, two children, two step-children and her parents. Her life was taken suddenly while she unselfishly protected the community to which she dedicated her life's work. The impact she had on the community, and in the lives of her family and friends will never be forgotten.

Thus, today I ask my colleagues to join me and the constituents of the Ohio's Seventh Congressional District in honoring the life and memory of Deputy Suzanne Waughtel Hopper, a true hero.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF RABBI JOSEPH STAMM

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

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Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary contributions of Joseph Stamm, who is celebrating his 25th anniversary at the helm of the New York County Health Services Review Organization (NYCHSRO). Mr. Stamm has been largely responsible for the unparalleled growth and success of NYCHSRO and its subsidiary, MedReview Inc. (MedReview).

NYCHSRO was among the first organizations registered as a certified Utilization Review agent in New York. NYCHSRO has conducted over 2 million peer reviews to evaluate clinical decisions and services rendered by medical practitioners at all levels of the health care continuum. Its clients include state and local governmental organizations, managed

care organizations, health insurers and third party payors.

In 1998, under Mr. Stamm's leadership, NYCHSRO created MedReview, which provides independent medical reviews and medical claims audits to self-insured plan sponsors. With offices in Cleveland, Denver, Orlando, Tampa and Thomasville, GA, today MedReview is one of America's premier medical and claims-related auditing organizations, helping clients manage health care costs more effectively, and avoid overpayment. MedReview boasts that it manages to recover millions of dollars in claims overpayments annually. MedReview's clients include some of America's largest and most respected organizations including Corporate Express, Mack/Volvo Trucks, Nissan, Oregon School Boards, ServiceMaster, UBS Financial and Ingersoll Rand, as well as many non-profit and government organizations.

Mr. Stamm served in various other capacities at NYCHSRO/MedReview, starting out as Director of Ambulatory Care Review and Associate Executive Director for Planning and Development and then as Deputy Executive Director responsible for Hospital Review, Ambulatory Care, Medical Care Evaluation, Data and Home Care Review. Mr. Stamm was instrumental in developing and implementing monitoring programs for Medicaid, Medicare and the private sector at all care levels — inpatient, ambulatory, long-term health care and home care, both in the state and nationally.

Prior to his tenure at NYCHSRO/MedReview, Mr. Stamm spent several years at the New York City Department of Health in various capacities, including Director of Investigation and Enforcement, Director of Program Planning and Development and Assistant Director of Health Evaluation.

Mr. Stamm is a recognized expert in the medical review industry and is on the faculty of Columbia University School of Public Health. He has lectured nationally and internationally and has been published on health care-related topics in scholarly journals such as Mount Sinai Journal of Medicine, the New York Academy of Medicine Journal and the Journal of Community Health. He is also a member of a number of health care associations, as well as a fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine.

Mr. Stamm is a strong supporter of and a frequent visitor to Israel. In 2006, at the request of Assemblyman Dov Hikind, he traveled to war-torn Israel on a fact-finding and humanitarian mission. The mission members met with mayors of northern Israel and the leaders of health care organizations such as Rambam Hospital, the largest hospital in northern Israel. Mr. Stamm has also been very active in the Beitar Foundation and in 2007, he received the HaTov U'Meitiv Man of the Year Award at the Annual Beitar Foundation Dinner. Joseph Stamm received his rabbinical ordination from the Rabbi Jacob Joseph Yeshiva in New York City and earned his MPA from New York University.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing the many achievements of Joseph Stamm, a business leader, innovator and strong supporter of Israel and the Jewish community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF A LIGHTING PIONEER

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I bring to the attention of the House the loss of a husband, a father, and an industrial pioneer. On January 3, 2011, Zachary S. Gibler passed away from injuries sustained in a biking accident. He was just 44 years old. Gibler is survived by his wife, Mary, and daughter, Rachel.

Zach Gibler was the Chairman and CEO of the nation's largest LED lighting manufacturer, Lighting Science Group (LSG), which is headquartered in Satellite Beach, Florida and employs 400 workers. Specifically, the Lighting Science Group designs, develops, manufactures and markets LED light bulbs that are environmentally friendlier and more energy efficient than traditional lighting products.

Gibler had quickly become a leader in a budding industry that will play a key in our nation's future. His pioneering efforts have grown operations in Florida from 35 employees to more than 400 in less than two years.

Known for his passion for helping those in need, Gibler hired many former NASA workers who had been laid off due to the transitions in our nation's human space flight program and utilized their skills to manufacture American-made LED lights that are highly energy efficient and are very competitive to foreign-made LED competitors. Just walk into Home Depot or any other hardware store and you'll find LED bulbs that are made by the Lighting Science Group—it's an American product built by American workers.

In June of 2009, Zachary Gibler became CEO of Lighting Science Group and was made president just a few months later in September of 2009. Gibler was then named Chairman of the Lighting Science Group in March 2010. He was a lighting industry veteran having previously held a variety of senior roles at Acuity Brands.

Gibler effectively worked to shape Lighting Science Group into the LED lighting manufacturer it is today, which is continuing to create additional, good-paying jobs in my home state of Florida and making a significant contribution to making America more energy efficient.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Zach's family and friends as they cope with this unexpected loss at the beginning of the year.

IN HONOR OF JERRY KUROWYCKYJ, SR.

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

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Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay special tribute to the late Jerry Kurowyckyj, Sr., a dedicated community leader, activist, and local business owner in New York City, who passed away last year. Known as the "Mayor of Ukraine," his extensive commitment to serving others was profoundly appreciated by the Lower Manhattan community he loved. Sadly, New York has lost a neighborhood leader and a food-lovers icon.